

"THE HAT DID IT"

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"Here is the ring you gave me; take it. I do not wish to see you or it again."

She was striding back and forth, her cheeks aflame, her eyes flashing anger. She slipped a solitaire diamond ring from her finger and handed it to him. But instead of walking away in high dudgeon he sat down on the cushion, rested his head back on his arm, and holding the ring in his hands before his eyes, examined it critically. She cast a glance at him and uttered an exclamation of anger at his indifference.

"I must change that," he said to himself, though aloud. "Can't use this one again. I must get another."

"If you are saying all that for my benefit," she said, "you are having your trouble for nothing."

"I must apologize for having given you a stone with a flaw in it. I was deceived."

"I don't see that it makes any difference now."

"But the ring can't be used again."

"Used again! What do you mean?"

"Why, I have promised Sue that if you ever got huffy and returned it she should have it."

Sue is my sister.

"She said that, did she?"

"Oh, yes; she predicted this."

"Oh, she did!"

"Yes."

"And you're going to give her the ring?"

"Oh, no; not this one. I'll get her a perfect stone. This is worthless."

"I have not noticed any blemish in it. Let me take it a moment."

"No; it was given you as a token, a seal to a contract. That contract is broken by its return. You have no more interest in it than you have in a glass marble."

"I may have some curiosity, mayn't I?"

"All you like."

"Then let me see the ring. I wish to know if the man I have been engaged to had the effrontery, the meanness, to palm off on me a stone with a flaw in it."

"What has been in the case of a broken engagement concerns no one. It belongs to a dead past. By your returning the ring you annulled your interest in my past and my future. It doesn't make any difference to you whether there is a flaw in it or not."

"Perhaps you will condescend to tell me what you propose to do in the case."

"Of the ring?"

"Yes."

"I shall take it back to the man of whom I bought it and ask him for another, a perfect stone; that I shall have set according to Sue's taste and give it to her."

This was very mean of him. She remembered the day he had given her the ring; how beautiful the rainbow colors that sparkled from it; her thrill of joy at possessing it not only for herself, but for what it represented.

"Since I gave it to you," he went on brutally, "I've taken in a hundred dollars I don't know what to do with. I'll add that to the price and get a handsomer stone."

"Do you still care enough about me to grant me one favor?"

"I will grant you any favor you ask."

"Then don't give the ring to Sue."

"Why not?"

"I always liked Sue. I know sis-

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ters-in-law don't often agree, but I believe Sue and I would. This changes all that."

"Well, supposing I don't give it to her, who would you prefer should have it?"

There was no answer to this.

"I don't see why you should feel enmity to Sue for merely predicting that you would get huffy. You have got huffy, haven't you?"

"And what girl wouldn't get huffy at being treated so brutally?"

"How brutally?"

"Well, for one thing, of course, you know, didn't you say I looked horrid in that new hat I had taken so much pains to hunt up and have trimmed?"

"I said the hat was horrid. What else?"

She thought a moment, then said, "I don't exactly remember the next thing you said, but it was worse than the first."

"Do you remember the next thing you said?"

"Why, no, but I'm sure it wasn't very bad."

"Not especially so. It was simply that I was bereft of the slightest gentleness."

"There was nothing in that."

"Nothing whatever—a mere pat of a velvet paw."

There was silence for a few minutes, when she said, "I've made up my mind as to the person I would like to have the ring."

"Well?"

"I think I would like it myself."

"What, with a flaw in it?"

"Don't be silly; there's no flaw in it."

"How do you know?"

"Because I looked for one when you gave it to me. Do you suppose a girl is given an engagement ring without making a careful inspection of it?"

"I was not aware of that."

It was his turn to be astonished.

"And I don't believe Sue said what you said she did, either."

"To be truthful, she didn't."

The rest of this story contains nothing new. Kisses are old as the hills.

GRENFELL DENIES FAMINE STORY

Boston, May 20.—A contradiction of the recent report that five thousand people were starving off the coast of Labrador was made to-day by Dr. W. T. Grenfell, the well-known medical missionary, whose field of labor embraces Newfoundland and Labrador.

Dr. Grenfell explained that there was some starvation, but it was limited to a small section of Labrador.

The Tenderfoot Farmer

It was one of these experimental farmers, who put green spectacles on his cow and fed her shavings. His theory was that it didn't matter what the cow ate so long as she was fed. The questions of digestion and nourishment had not entered into his calculations.

It's only a "tenderfoot" farmer that would try such an experiment with a cow. But many a farmer feeds his cows self regardless of digestion and nutrition. He might almost as well eat shavings for all the good he gets out of his food. The result is that the stomach grows "weak," the action of the organs of digestion and nutrition are impaired and the man suffers the miseries of dyspepsia and the agonies of nervousness.

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Latest Estimate of Strength of Bill

IN UNITED STATES SENATE

If a Vote Can Be Reached—Opponents

Working Hard to Prevent One—The President Insistent for One.

Washington, May 20.—Reports that the opponents of reciprocity are planning to prevent a vote on the measure in the Senate has caused a stir in that body and aroused the attention of members of Congress at both ends of the capitol, who are for reciprocity.

It has been plain for several days that the opponents of the Canadian agreement are dragging out the hearing before the Senate finance committee, and this has given rise to the impression in some quarters that the measure is beaten. It is in no sense beaten, however, according to leading senators. Even among senators who are against the agreement, it is declared that it will be impossible to prevent a vote—much as some would like to accomplish this. But that there will be a long discussion and many attempts to thwart the bill is expected.

The latest polls of the Senate show that reciprocity will probably get fifty-three votes if a vote can be had. This in slightly greater strength than was credited to the measure a short time ago.

President Taft is insistent on a vote and some of the opponents of the bill who are friendly to him will help to bring one about—though they will not vote for the measure.

Gov. Osborn of Michigan called at the White House the other day and had some encouraging things to say to the president about reciprocity—also about the sentiment in Michigan for Taft's re-nomination. The governor said he was a progressive, but added:

"I am the kind of progressive that wishes to stay on the track."

Governor Osborn declared Michigan was for reciprocity. He cited the fact that a poll of the country newspapers showed 67 per cent. for it, and that the students of the Michigan Agricultural college voted 2 to 1 for it.

President Milton McRae of the Detroit board of commerce headed a delegation from Detroit that urged the ratification of the agreement.

MUST CAUCUS ON WOOL SCHEDULE

Underwood Unable to Force Committee Report Favoring Raw Material

Tax—Members are Deadlocked.

Washington, May 19.—Unable to swing enough members of the ways and means committee to enable him to report a woolen schedule containing a tax on raw wool, Chairman Underwood is now confronted with the necessity of appealing to a Democratic caucus. He has found it impossible to reconcile the differences in the committee, and these differences are so great that it is practically impossible for the committee to frame a woolen schedule, either for submission to a Democratic caucus or for the consideration of the House. Within a short time the rank and file of the party in the House will be called upon to decide the nature of the woolen schedule to be framed by the ways and means committee.

Chairman Underwood and the House leaders associated with him, who are determined to tax wool at 5 cents a pound, have been blocked in that attempt in the committee—which Mr. Underwood is supposed to dominate. But while he is unable to force a bill taxing raw wool, his opponents on the committee have likewise discovered that they are not sufficiently strong to insist upon a schedule providing for free trade in raw wool.

With the situation deadlocked in committee, Mr. Underwood's opponents have decided to submit the entire proposition to a Democratic caucus to be called at an early date. It will remain for the caucus to decide whether the ways and means shall put wool on the free list or not. Even members of the House are unaware of the bitterness of the struggle now being waged in the ways and means committee. The two factions on the Democratic side are so far apart that only the mandate of a party caucus can bring them together.

Both factions are now busily engaged in making a poll of the House in an effort to commit members to their respective propositions. Chairman Underwood expresses himself as confident that the caucus will endorse what he terms a revenue tax on wool—which, from his point of view, means a duty of about 5 cents a pound. The free traders in wool are equally confident that Mr. Underwood will be more decisively beaten in the caucus than he has been in committee.

EDDY WILL OPINION GIVEN.

Attorney General Swift Says Intent Cannot Be Set Aside.

Boston, May 20.—That the intent of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy in devoting the bulk of her property to Christian Science purposes cannot be set aside by any statute limiting gifts to religious organizations is one of the principal contentions of Attorney General James M. Swift in his appearance in probate court yesterday, in one of the suits involving the status of the Eddy property in Massachusetts.

In addition to giving the appearance, as requested by the court, the attorney general will also make a motion in supreme court that all the heirs now contesting the will of Mrs. Eddy in New Hampshire and Massachusetts be made parties to a friendly suit between the trustees of Mrs. Eddy's property and the directors of the church. This latter action, the attorney general states, is to avoid further litigation in this suit, or the claim of the heirs that they did not have a chance to participate in the proceedings.



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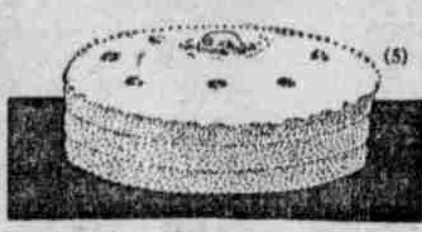
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UNION ASKS \$100,000 FOR DYNAMITE LIBEL

Typographical International Union Has Sued National Manufacturers.

New York, May 20.—When told yesterday that James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical union, was preparing a libel suit for \$100,000 damages against the officers of the National Manufacturers' association, John Kirby, jr., president of that organization, said:

"If the shoe fits let them put it on. Interesting developments may be expected."

Alfred J. Talley, attorney for President Lynch, said that papers would be served yesterday on President Kirby and other officers of the Manufacturers' association, which finished its annual convention here Wednesday night.

The complaint already prepared charges that the Manufacturers' association on Oct. 13, 1910, adopted a resolution charging indirectly that the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times resulted from the hostile attitude of the International Typographical union toward The Times and its proprietor, Gen. Harrison Gray Otis.

The itinerary of the tour is as follows:

June 21 Washington to Philadelphia, 163 miles

22 Philadelphia to New York, 182 "

23 New York to Springfield, 146 "

24 Springfield to Worcester, 50 "

(Hill climb at Worcester).

Worcester to Boston, 40 "

25 (Sunday in Boston).

26 Boston to Springfield, 142 "

27 Springfield to Burlington, 135 "

28 Burlington to Montreal, 121 "

29 Montreal to Ottawa, 121 "

1,089 miles

Noon tops will be made at Bellaire, Lakewood, Waterbury, Keene, N. H., Montpelier, Alburgh and Carleton.

It has been the object of the A. A. A. contest board to make the tour this year of greater interest to automobile users generally than ever before, by making it of more value as an object lesson. This is to be done by not making the contest more difficult, but by having the rules more exacting. The performances of the cars will be set forth with fuller detail because of the improved rules and motorists everywhere will get a better line on the possibilities of touring on schedule between the big cities of the east.

There will be fractional points of penalization, particularly in the hill climb which will be timed with the automobile electric timing apparatus, and it is certain that in this way a winner for each of the three trophies will be evolved. The trophies, the Glidden, the Washington and Ottawa will go to individual contestants.

David Beers of Chicago, a former member of the A. A. A. Technical committee, who is known throughout the country for his efficiency in officiating at reliability contests will be the referee of the tour. F. E. Edwards, chairman of the A. A. A. Technical committee, will conduct the technical end of the contest.

NO TRAIN CURTAILMENT.

Defence Is Made to the Mail Requirements.

Boston, Mass., May 19.—Contemplated changes in the train service, especially over the Boston & Maine system, which were scheduled to go into effect next Monday, will not take place. Trains will continue to run as they do at present. There was a conference over this matter at the North station yesterday morning between Charles E. Lee,

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TWO STOPS IN VERMONT

"Glidden Reciprocity Tour" Ending in Ottawa

STARTING AT WASHINGTON

The Automobiles Will Spend the Night

of June 26 at Springfield and the Following Night at Burlington.

As at present projected the "Glidden Reciprocity Tour" will cover 1,089 miles, starting from Washington and finishing at Ottawa, Canada passing through nine states and two provinces. In order to permit the tourists to spend Sunday in Boston the contest board of the American Automobile association has changed the dates of the contest from June 19-26 to June 21-29. This change of date will add one more day to the itinerary, as was originally planned.

Also it has been decided by the contest board to hold the hill climbing competition feature of the tour at Worcester, Mass. At first it was planned to hold the slope contest in Vermont. "Dead Horse Hill," the scene of numerous contests in the past will be the course.

The climb will take place Saturday, June 24, on the fourth day of the tour. The run from Springfield to Boston on that day is 90 miles all told, the stop for the climb being 50 miles from Springfield and the distance from Worcester to Boston approximately 40 miles.

As a testing ground for a car's "slope-eating" abilities, the course is ideal. It is one mile in length and has a grade varying from 8 to 10 per cent. and slightly over in stretches. Some idea of how fast a racing car can surmount it is evidenced by the record of 54 seconds made by Baldwin in a steam car. The fastest gasoline car has ever negotiated it is 58 seconds—Caleb Bragg having made this figure last summer with a 90 h. p. racer.

Of course the Glidden stock car contestants carrying passengers and not having such high-powered, specially geared or stripped cars will for the most part require nearer three or four minutes than the above figures.

Immediately the climb is over, the cars will proceed to Boston, where Sunday will be spent, at which time the Bay State automobile association will play host to the tourists.

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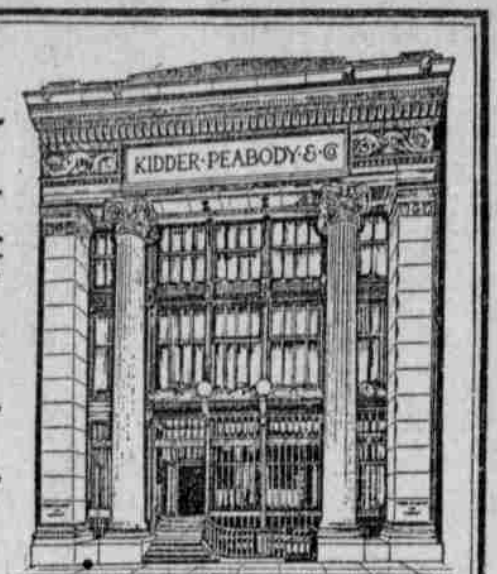
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